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Pumps and everything in the building line.

Having made arrangements with large

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FORKS, SHOVELS, SPADES AND RAKES,

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Pruning Saws and Axes, Chopping Axes

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Prices to suit the times, as low as can be

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## STOVE AND TIN STORE

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Manufacturers and Dealers in

## STOVES,

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

We have in stock the most popular and

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Delight, Morning Light, Florentine, Tuscan,

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Complete, Victor Cook, Pretty Range, Pet

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other stove manufactured.

We invite special attention to the Regula-

tor "Revolutionary Top" for convenience. Sur-

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in this market.

Stores repaired on the shortest notice.

Roofing and spouting a specialty.

We hope by giving our personal attention

to business, and making moderate charges to

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Give us a call. ELIASON & BENSON,

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## Middletown Directory.

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dent; T. M. Masey, Jr., Secretary; Jas. H.  
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Lamp-lighter—F. C. Schreitz.

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Treas.; Samuel Penington, Secretary; James  
Kendall, B. Gibbs, R. T. Cochran, N. Williams.  
Principal of Academy—T. S. Stevens.

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Directors—Henry Clayton, B. Gibbs, B.  
T. Gibbs, John A. Reynolds, James Culbert-  
son, E. C. Penington, M. E. Walker, J. B.  
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J. R. Hall, Treas.; R. A. Cochran, Jas. Cul-  
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FOREST PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. John Patton,  
D. D., Pastor. Divine service every Sunday  
at 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sunday School  
at 9 a. m. Lecture on Wednesdays at 7.00 p.  
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strong's every Sunday at 2.30 p. m.  
St. Ann's PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.—Rev.  
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at 10.30 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School  
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a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30  
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Thursdays at 8.00 p. m.  
CONGREGATIONAL.—Rev. N. Morris—  
Pastor. Service every other Sunday at 10.30  
a. m. and 3.00 p. m. Sunday School every  
Sunday at 1 p. m.

### MASONIC

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in Masonic Hall on the second and fourth Fri-  
days of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m.  
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on the first and third Tuesdays of every month  
at 8 o'clock, p. m. Masonic Hall.

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DANIEL LODGE NO. 12 Meets every Friday  
evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge room in the  
Town Hall.

### PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

PEACH BLOSSOM GRANGE, No. 3. Meets every  
Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Grange room  
in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

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Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Lodge room  
in Cochran Hall, No. 2, Cochran Square.

### BUILDING AND LOAN.

MIDDLETOWN B. & L. ASSOCIATION.—Samuel  
Penington, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets  
on the first Thursday of every month at 8  
o'clock, p. m.

### MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLETOWN.

Jas. H. Seawright, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Sec-  
retary. Meets on the second Tuesday of every  
month at 8 o'clock, p. m.

### AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

PENNS. AGRICULTURAL AND POMOLOGICAL AS-  
sociation. Wm. R. Cochran, President and  
Chairman of Board of Managers; J. B. Clark-  
son, Secretary. Annual Meeting fourth Sat-  
urday in January. Next annual fair will be  
held on October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1876.

### DIAMOND STATE BRASS BAND.

Meets for practice every Monday evening at  
8 o'clock.

### POST OFFICE.

Office Hours.—Opens at 6.30 a. m. and  
closes at 9 p. m. every day except Sunday.  
Mails for the North close at 7.30 a. m. and  
2.45 p. m.  
Mail for the South closes at 10.15 a. m. and  
Mails for Odessa close at 10.23 a. m. and 7.30  
p. m.  
Mails for Warwick, Sasfras and Cecilton  
close at 10.23 a. m.

### DELAWARE RAILROAD.

Passenger trains going North leave at 7.46  
a. m. and 3.01 p. m.; going South at 10.33 a. m.  
and 7.55 p. m. Freight trains with passenger  
cars attached, going North, leave at 5.20 p. m.;  
going South, at 6.30 a. m.

### STAGE LINES.

Stage for Odessa.—S. M. Hall, leaves  
shortly after arrival of the 10.43 a. m. and 7.55  
p. m. mail trains.  
Stages for Warwick, Sasfras and Cecilton  
leave shortly after arrival of the 10.43 a. m.  
train.

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### Clothing House.

### SELLING OFF AT COST.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR

WINTER CLOTHING.

If You want them Cheap.

UNDER CLOTHING BELOW COST,

OVERCOATS BELOW COST.

Costs that we sold at \$10 we are now selling

at \$8.

Costs that we sold at \$15 we are now selling

at \$12.

A large assortment of Hats and Caps on

hand. You will find all of this at the New

Clothing House.

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S. R. ESTES & CO.

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A TOP BUGGY nearly new. Very cheap.

As the seller is going away West he wishes to

dispose of it at an early date.

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### JOB PRINTING

Of Every Description

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## Select Poetry.

### THE SWEETEST NAME.

The name of mother! 'neath sweetest name  
That ever fell on mortal ear!  
The love of mother! Mightiest love,  
Which Heaven permits to flourish here.  
Direct a mother's heart and pen  
The properties it doth contain—  
What pearls of love, what gems of hope—  
A mother's heart beats on in vain.

The words of mother! when they flow  
In love's true rhetoric from her lips,  
The rosy stars of sin and shame  
Are lost amid a bright eclipse;  
And when we walk the glittering path  
Wherein temptations oft we see,  
O, then we realize how strong  
The power of mother's love can be.

A mother's love! it never wanes;  
What if her boy an ingrate become?  
The beauty of that wondrous love  
Around the thankful offspring beams;  
Though in the path of shame he walks,  
Though crime has driven him to the bow,  
A mother's love can yet avail  
A mother's prayer may win his soul.

What heart like mother's can forgive  
The peccadilloes of our youth?  
What hand like hers can lead us back  
From sin, to innocence and truth?  
O, name of mother! sweetest name  
That ever fell on mortal ear,  
O, love of mother! Mightiest love,  
That Heaven allows to flourish here.

## Select Story.

### NORTH AND SOUTH.

A STORY FOUNDED ON FACT.

The sun was pouring a flood of burn-  
ing rays upon the parched earth. It  
was noon-time on a hot July day in the  
summer of '63. Everywhere through-  
out the beautiful State of Virginia was  
seen sorrow and desolation; the foot  
prints of cruel civil war were traced  
wherever the eye could turn.

A quiet cottage stood back from the  
road, its vine covered porch reach-  
ing its ivy clad side to the road. No beau-  
tiful harvest field stretched out before  
one's gaze to gladden the heart with  
plenteousness, but the uncultivated land  
spoke a sad state of household and  
country. All was barren, all was un-  
der for sowing this little cottage; and  
before its door the summer flower  
bloomed, and a grove of young pine  
trees gave a grateful coolness and pleas-  
ant shade.

At this hour, when man and animal  
were seeking refuge from the heat of  
the day, an officer in the national uni-  
form might have been seen slowly rid-  
ing up the road. His face was pale,  
his bearing dispirited and weary.

Catching a glimpse of the white cot-  
tage, a faint smile lit up his features,  
and, riding up to the little gate, he dis-  
mounted and tied his horse. In an-  
swer to his knocking, an old colored  
woman cautiously opened the door, and  
perceiving that her visitor was a sol-  
dier, she warmly exclaimed:

"Now master, do you go long! No  
body here but just lone women, and  
nuffin to spare to eat!"

"Well, aunt," said the young man  
faintly, "you speak plainly, to be sure;  
but could not move on if I would; I  
am both tired and ill. But give me a  
glass of milk, and I will rest here  
while in the shade."

"Well," said the old woman reluc-  
tantly, "I suppose it must be so; but  
I needn't mind much food to do next  
house. Mrs. Vernon is ill, and Miss  
Lucy ain't no great friend to blue coats."

"O Aunt Lucy!" exclaimed a rich,  
clear voice. "When did Miss Elsie  
ever refuse refreshment to one so ex-  
hausted as this poor man appears?"

And a young girl sprang to the door  
just in time to help Aunt Lucy to lead  
the fainting form to an arm-chair near  
by.

She threw cold water over his brow,  
and chafed his nerveless hands, think-  
ing the while, "my enemy because my  
country's foe; but he has a noble counte-  
nance."

In a minute he had revived suffi-  
ciently to drink a glass of water pre-  
sented to him by the now attentive ser-  
vant, who, taking her cue from her  
young mistress, was now very much  
interested in his comfort.

"I must apologize for intruding upon  
your kindness," said the young officer.  
"My regiment is about two miles away  
in the woods below; our supplies have  
been cut off, and we are waiting for  
some days, concluding I needed bet-  
ter food than the coarse army fare, I  
started off to find some farm house  
near by, where I could purchase some  
provisions. It seems but thinly settled,  
and riding further than I intended, the  
heat overcame me. However, I shall  
not remain longer than necessary, and  
I beg, Miss, you will not let me disturb  
you as your woman tells me you have  
sister in your household."

"Yes," answered Elsie sadly, "my  
mother is a suffering invalid, and, with  
the exception of our two servants, we  
are alone. My father and brother are  
in the Confederate service" (Her face  
flushed). "But you must have rest and  
refreshment. I cannot permit you to  
depart while you are so weak and faint."

And Elsie cast a compassionate glance  
at the stranger's pale face.

Elsie assisted Aunt Lucy to spread  
the little table, and when she had had  
a simple repast in readiness, composed of  
milk, bread and honey.

"It is a sorry refreshment," said the  
young girl, regretfully, "but all we can  
offer you. Our land has been laid waste;  
we have no one to till what remains,  
and very little stands between us and  
actual want."

Her emotions being beyond control,  
she hurriedly left the room, and shortly  
after heard her voice in an outer-  
room conversing with the old woman.  
The plain, cooling food was just what  
the young man needed, and as he partook  
of the food before him his mind dwelt  
admirably upon his young hostess.

"I do believe," said he, "I never  
saw a sweeter, sadder face. Such per-  
fect brown eyes! What a rich, sweet  
voice! I am sorry she looks upon me  
as an enemy."

Glancing around the room, his eyes  
fell upon a photograph album. Raising  
it, he opened it, and hurriedly ran over the  
pages until his eyes fell upon the pic-  
ture of Elsie. How different from the  
original. This was dimpled and happy-

facied, and the brown eyes smiled in  
answer to your look of admiration.

"I like your present expression better,"  
he mused; "but, as sure as my name  
is Albert Bertrand, I will be a thief for  
once." And he slipped the card from  
its place in the book.

He had hardly thrust the card into his  
breast, when Elsie appeared, pale  
and trembling.

"What has frightened you, my dear  
young lady?" asked Captain Bertrand.  
"Are you better?" she asked, hastily.  
"Can you ride?"

"Oh, yes," he answered. "Your  
kindness has given me strength. But  
what has so agitated you?"

"You are the enemy of my country  
—but I am a woman and cannot betray  
you. Over yonder hill a squad of Con-  
federates are marching. Fly while there  
is time!"

In a moment Albert Bertrand com-  
prehended the situation. Pressing her  
hand in his, he exclaimed: "God bless  
and keep you, Miss Vernon. In hap-  
piness to the west, pure be my  
pleasure to teach you that I could never  
be your enemy!"

Before the blush could fade from his  
earnest words had died away, he had  
mounted his horse and was flying to-  
ward the woods, whilst over the hill  
behind the Vernon cottage sounded the  
tramping of the Confederates.

The weary war was over. Peace at  
last stretched her snowy wings over our  
sorrowful country. Peace! We joyfully  
spoke the sweet word to each  
other, but the tears still ran down the  
faces of those to whom peace had  
come too late. It was June, and  
smiling and bursting flower greeted  
Captain Bertrand as he rode slowly up  
the same road he had traveled three  
years ago. In camp, on tented field,  
in battle-strife, the constant, pure face  
of Elsie Vernon had come before his  
vision as he saw her last, his good kind  
angel!

True to a promise he had made to  
himself three years before, he was seek-  
ing her with a faint hope that she might  
yet live unweaned and unwon. In an  
earnest dream of the future, he found he  
had ridden up to the same little cottage.

Was it the same? No flowers in the  
little garden, no creeping vines over the  
doorway, and the air of refinement and  
culture had vanished.

Captain Bertrand's heart sank, for he  
felt that Elsie could not live there. Just  
then a two-headed urchin came run-  
ning out of the door, and the gentle-  
man asked:

"Who lives here?"  
"Why, we does, of course!" the  
little fellow answered.

"Where does the lady reside who  
lived here three years ago?"  
"Guess I don't remember; but here is  
Granny, and she most knows every-  
thing." And the boy looked up to the  
window, where an old woman's head  
had just appeared.

In answer to the inquiries, the young  
man learned that Elsie's mother had  
died two years before. Shortly after  
that, her father and brother had fallen  
in battle, and Elsie, leaving the home  
so sorrowful to her, had gone into the  
village a mile away and had taught  
school there until quite lately; but her  
health had given way, and her friends  
thought that the last of the Vernons  
would fill an early grave.

The Captain thanked his informant  
and rode toward the village thinking,  
sadly—"Poor little girl! What a weary,  
sad life she has had! I fear she will  
not regard me favorably—so much cause  
she has had to hate the uniform I have  
worn."

It was sunset when he reached the  
outskirts of the little village.  
And, indeed, the little village church  
rope before him. The small cemetery,  
well kept by careful loving hands, de-  
served at least a passing notice. He  
leaned upon the fence, and his eyes  
reposed idly about until it rested upon a  
black-robed figure seated upon a grave  
near by. Her fair hair rippled to her  
waist; her face was upturned to watch  
the golden sunset, and the gentleman  
looked on, gazed entranced at the beau-  
tiful picture, recognizing gladly that it  
was Elsie Vernon who was seated there.  
Opening the gate to attract her attention,  
he walked straight up to her.

"Miss Vernon?" she bowed.  
"You do not recognize me?"  
"There is a familiar look in your  
face"—starting slightly. "It is—"

"Yes," she said, "the officer to whom you  
gave refreshments and warning three  
summers ago," interrupted the gentle-  
man.

"I am glad to see you, sir. I have  
often wondered if you were still alive—  
the fortunes of war are so hard."

Elsie shivered in the summer even-  
ing.

"Ah," said Bertrand, sympathiz-  
ingly, "to you they were. I have  
heard your story from the occupant of  
your former home, where I happened  
to stop to-day. Let me hope, Miss  
Vernon, that it has not given you a feel-  
ing of bitterness toward those who fought  
on the other side."

"Ah, no," said Elsie, gently. "I  
know that on both sides men fought for  
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If the Centennial Exposition costs \$7,500,000, the amount claimed to complete it, the Philadelphia Ledger computes that in order simply to realize this sum it will be necessary for 15,000,000 people to visit it once at the price of admission, fifty cents, and as the time is confined to 158 days, from May 10th to November 10th, deducting Sundays, on which it will be closed, it will require the daily attendance of over 94,000 people. From these figures may be formed some idea of the crowd and bustle in that city during the six months succeeding the 10th of May.

Right has at last obtained a triumph over might. The infamous Enforcement Acts, passed in company with, and for the purpose of, enforcing the illegally adopted fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution, have been declared unconstitutional by the highest judicial tribunal of the land. Thus the "Appropriate Legislation" which has been styled the culmination of Yankee hate and malice against the South, becomes null and void, and can no longer be executed. Were the Constitutional amendments under which these acts were passed subjected to the same judicial test, it is more than probable that they would meet with the same result as did the Enforcement Acts.

The papers are praising Susan B. Anthony for paying off an indebtedness of \$10,000 incurred by the failure of her paper, *The Revolution*, some years ago. Her act is deserving of all the praise that can be bestowed upon it, and when brought into comparison with the conduct of Christian (?) gentlemen who fail, (too often with their hands full) and never make an effort toward to pay their old debts, from which they have been relieved, in law, by the Bankrupt act, it is extraordinary and evinces an honesty almost superhuman. But Susan B. Anthony is a woman, and women are generally honest in the discharge of their financial obligations. Merchants and other business men say that they seldom if ever lose anything by trusting women when the woman only is responsible.

Mexico is again in a hubbub; another revolution is in progress, and the insurgents are having things pretty much their own way in the Vera Cruz region and along the Rio Grande. Things look just now, pretty equally for the government and President Lerdo who have to look sharp if he is not ousted from his place. The Mexicans are fond of change and as great admirers of successful military men, as the French, and a few defeats of the Government troops will cause many who are halting in their opinions to go over to the revolutionists, thereby strengthening the movement. Mexico hasn't had a revolution since Juarez upset Maximilian, and the people are getting tired of the dullness of the times, and a little fighting and a new order of things will be heartily relished. When the Congress meets, it is thought they will open the gates of the capital to the insurgents, and welcome them as public benefactors. Then Mr. Lerdo will have to vacate.

EXIT AMES.—To escape impeachment by the Legislature, Adelbert Ames, the loyal carpet-bag Governor of Mississippi, has imitated the example of Secretary Belknap and resigned his office. This leaves the State in the hands of the white men of the State. This the Wilmington Commercial professes to regard as a pretty sure sign that Mississippi will go Democratic at the next election. We think our contemporary is about right. Placed in a position which gives them no special advantage from control of the State government, the Republicans stand but small chance of carrying a Southern State. But the Commercial ought not to regret that Ames has been ousted. As a friend to good government and of the rights of the people it ought to rejoice that the people of Mississippi have succeeded in getting rid of him. Ames is nothing more, nor less, than a political adventurer; like hosts of others of similar character, he went South at the end of the war, seeking what he might devour, and, aided by the patronage of the Federal government, he succeeded in ingratiating himself into the favor of the negroes, and thus got himself elected to the governorship of the State. How he conducted himself in his office, and how he abused the trust imposed in him, is well known. So well known, indeed, that he did not think it worth while to await the issue of the impending trial, but virtually plead guilty by resigning his position.

PREPARATIONS for opening the Presidential campaign are now being made by both political parties in the different States of the Union. Several States have already held their Conventions and chosen their delegates both to the St. Louis and the Cincinnati National Conventions. Many of these States have their own favorite candidates whom they are pushing forward for the nomination. In another column we publish a communication urging upon Delaware Democrats the importance of an early State Convention for the selection of delegates to the National Convention.

It is but just in these Centennial times that Delaware should come to the front. "Little Delaware" took an active and, for her size, prominent part in the transactions of a hundred years ago, and she presents to-day to the country one of the most distinguished statesmen of the age, to whom in these times of corruption, dishonesty and villainy in high places the country may safely turn as to a man of unsullied character, to whose hands the executive powers of the government could be confided without fear of abuse. With our correspondent we believe that much is to be gained by early action; and imitating the example of greater States who are pushing forward their favorite candidates and promulgating their declarations of principles, the Delaware Democracy should assemble together, choose their representatives and urge upon the national convention the selection of Hon. Thomas F. Bayard as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency of '76.

"Pro Bono Publico."

Under the above heading we ask Conservatives and Democrats to unite forces. Day after day committees of investigation are unearthing crooked transactions in every branch of civil service, and of the mass of officials throughout the country, none seem on examination to have adhered to that old anti-Bellum peculiarity, "semper fidelis." A change must be made; those in office must give place to new men, untrammelled by ties binding them with bands of iron to the jugged-nautical car of profligacy, growing out of the war and its sequences, and fostered, protected and encouraged by the administrative party, who are alike guilty, and per force exculpate, shield and protect one another, and until the whole be removed no good thing can come out of Washington. The time has come for passions to have subsided, and hate born of difference in views during the war should give place to the era of peace, and once more "pro bono publico" be the rule and aim of statesmen, public servants and people. Not merely what is good for me in Delaware, but what is good for the people of every State throughout the length and breadth of the land, harmonizing dissensions on public policy, regulating questions of currency and tariff, to approximately meet the necessities of all interests, whether of cotton, iron or rice, mining or manufacturing, agriculture or commerce, capital or labor, there is surely a common ground on which all can stand, where peace and prosperity can go hand in hand, where the heartiness of the laborer's humble cot can show as happy a group as the canopied halls of the wealthiest capitalist of either the Atlantic or Pacific coast, and whereon Yank or Reb can clasp the hand of friendship forgetful of the bloody chasm crossed—and together move forward, thrusting aside valiant loyalists who never smelled powder, and whose loftiest patriotism culminated in contracts and post trade-shops, or freedom shrieking declamations of encouragement to the official nursing. Millions upon millions of debt, prostration of business, destruction of credit, failure after failure of mercantile ventures, depression of values, with the wail of distress from thousands of unemployed laborers throughout the land, should fully arouse Democrats and Conservatives to the danger surrounding us from the debt and devilment of the party now in power, and happily undergoing investigation. Now is the time to begin. Let every neighborhood organize a club, procure from Washington papers, documents and statistics, distribute them among the people of all political views, and the inherent honesty of an intelligent man, will assert its supremacy, causing him to heartily unite with his fellowmen in supplanting the party in power with men whose views and acts will be "pro bono publico."

OPENING DAY AT THE CENTENNIAL.—The definite announcement of the programme of the opening Centennial exercises has been published. The programme is, very properly, to be simple and brief. To attempt to copy the ceremony and display of European nations would be foolish, and long and elaborate exercises, which would only delay the anxiety of people to inspect the wonders of the exposition, would be ill-timed. The whole of the exercises will not occupy more than 45 minutes, unless the President indulges in a speech many times greater than he is in the habit of delivering. He will, of course, have more to say on this occasion than usual, but he is not likely to be very extended in his remarks. The programme includes the grand march written by Richard Wagner; prayer; a hymn by John G. Whittier; a cantata—music by Dudley Buck and poetry by Sidney Lanier; and addresses by the President of the Centennial Commission and President Grant, at the close of which he will declare the Exposition open. Then the invited guests will make a tour of the principal buildings, mere "folks" following at discretion. Mr. Theodore Thomas is to have general charge of the Exposition music. For the opening he will have an orchestra of 150, and the cantata will be sung by 800 picked voices. The best chorists in the city have been eager to get places. There is no pay, and these people do not often work without, but there is a distinction in his case, besides which the others will have choice places during the dedication.

General Schenck appeared before the House Foreign Committee Tuesday and gave the history of his connection with the Emma Mine. He states that he lost \$60,000 in the affair.

Letter from Washington.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 29, '76

CONNECTICUT WILL GO DEMOCRATIC.

A short time ago, Grant's Washington Ring sent a man to Connecticut to request the Chairman of the Central Committee of that State to make a searching investigation of the probable result of the election on Monday, April 3d. The utmost pains were taken by the Connecticut Radical official, who was well paid by Grant's Ring for his labor, and was requested to give the facts, and the facts only. His report, which has just arrived, has cast a gloom over Ring circles. He says that he regrets to be obliged to state, as the result of his investigation, that the Democratic party will certainly carry the State by a majority of about three thousand.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE DEMOCRATIC HOUSE.

The dissemination of news from every portion of the civilized world to every other portion, by telegraph, has made the correspondent a commoner upon earth, rather than an announcer of events. Just at this time, Washington is the scene of rapidly succeeding incidents of vital interest to the country; and to faithfully chronicle the details of each day's news would take more space than many times the limits of a letter. Many things of importance occur to which I do not even allude, because, before my letter can reach you, your readers will have become familiar with the facts through the telegraph. But the telegraph can do no more than furnish brief outlines, and it is still the province of the correspondent to supply the substance of such information as may be of special interest to the reader. The correspondent whom you know, and upon whose truthfulness you can depend, is of special importance to your readers at this time, when it is the universal complaint of our party that the telegraph has been used against us in an attempt to create public opinion adverse to the Democratic House. No Congress has ever labored harder, or accomplished more in the same length of time, than has the present one; yet the impression has gone through the country that valuable time has been wasted, and nothing done. The work done has been, much of it, of a character that renders secrecy a necessity. And, while the House may have appeared to do little, the committees have labored incessantly, night and day, to accomplish more in the same length of time, than has the present one; yet the impression has gone through the country that valuable time has been wasted, and nothing done. The work done has been, much of it, of a character that renders secrecy a necessity. And, while the House may have appeared to do little, the committees have labored incessantly, night and day, to accomplish more in the same length of time, than has the present one; yet the impression has gone through the country that valuable time has been wasted, and nothing done. The work done has been, much of it, of a character that renders secrecy a necessity.

RADICAL RASCALITY.

Official corruption and malfeasance in office, without precedent in the history of any government. The rotten accumulations of fifteen years of Republican misrule are suddenly disclosed, and lie festering in the public sight. The abuses and villainies which have been covered up and winked at by the Republican majorities of previous houses, is the duty of the present Democratic majority to uncover, and bring the guilty officials to justice. This has been so well done that there are at this time a score of investigations in progress. And the work is not yet half commenced. With all that has been disclosed, the people are not prepared for the depth of villainy that will yet be brought to light.

Who could have believed that men could be found so lost to all sense of honor or decency as to buy the bones of horses and mules in the national cemeteries, or worse, to divide one body into several parts, putting them into different graves because they were paid so much for each grave? And yet this has been done by men living in the very shadow of the White House, and favored with the personal friendship of Grant, himself.

The Land Office has been filled with jobs upon which thieves, big and little, from Delano and his son, John, down to the chief clerk just dismissed, have fattened. But the day of reckoning has come, and the facts will soon be made public.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR

has created a very perceptible stir in political circles in Washington, by the publication of a letter in favor of Tilden. The fact that Mr. Blair is not a Tilden man from personal preference, but from what he conceives to be party necessity, gives more weight to his views than they would otherwise have. One thing is noticeable in connection with this subject; there is a growing disposition to consider the interest of the party as a unit, rather than the interest of any one section or faction. The man who can carry the most States will be the nominee, if these wise counsels prevail; and whoever he may be, Hendricks, Thurman, Bayard, Tilden, Davis or Parker, he will receive the united support of a party organized for success, and not to be defeated by internal dissension. And to insure success beyond the chance of failure, he must be the man who can draw the largest support from the ranks of the enemy. Mr. Blair, who was a member of Lincoln's Cabinet, says that Tilden is the man, and offers a strong argument to prove it. Those who are about to vote, bitterly opposed to Tilden, because of his attitude on the money question; but I believe, from the tone of conversation here during the past few days, that there is a determination to do nothing that will imperil our success in the coming election.

THE AUSTIN-TOPOLOVAMPO PACIFIC SURVEY.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads gave another hearing to A. K. Owen, C. E. March 22d, in behalf of House Bill 2118, (Senate 295) which asks merely that the Secretary of War be authorized to make a survey from Austin, the capital of Texas, to the Rio Grande, and thence (the Department of State having obtained permission from the government) to Topolovampo, a new and grand mountain-locked harbor, Lat. 25° 30' north, at the mouth of the Gulf of California. Austin is connected with the system of railroads of the United States, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada, and by constructing only 800 miles of track we may obtain "an open highway" to the Pacific Ocean, and to the tropical and inter-tropical products of the 9,000,000 people of Mexico. From San Antonio, via Eagle Pass, there would be but 700 miles to construct. The distances from all the interior and seaboard cities of the United States and the Canadian cities of the Rocky mountains, to Topolovampo, San Diego, San Francisco, and Puget Sound, are astonishingly in favor of Topolovampo. For instance: Chicago is 221 miles nearer, and St. Louis is

316 miles nearer to Topolovampo than to San Francisco. Halifax, Nova Scotia, is equidistant between Topolovampo and Puget Sound. The distance from New York to Topolovampo, via Austin, Texas, is 1,187 miles less than that from New York to Puget Sound, via the Northern Pacific; 744 miles less than that from New York to San Francisco, via the Union Pacific; and 381 miles less than that from New York to San Diego, via the Texas Pacific. From Norfolk, Va., to Topolovampo, the distance, via Austin, is but 2,289 miles, which is 1,014 miles less than from New York to San Francisco, via Omaha Omaha is 150 miles nearer to Topolovampo than to San Francisco. New Orleans is 1,014 miles nearer to Topolovampo than to San Francisco. The Pacific, via the Austin-Topolovampo Pacific, etc., etc. By all means Congress should authorize the Secretary of War to survey and report upon a route which may be of such importance to the United States and to Mexico.

Employment Scarce in Phila.

Mr. Editor: Please say to any of your readers who may be thinking of coming to Philadelphia to find work, that they had better not come. The city is flooded with men from all parts of the country, who have imagined that the Centennial would bring with it plenty of employment for everybody. They have forgotten the fact that the hands of good workmen, resident in the city, are now out of employment because of the stoppage of the wheels of industry in foundries, mills, shops and stores—and while the Exhibition, has given, and will give, work to thousands, yet the supply already far exceeds any possible demand. The new comers are not only bitterly disappointed, but worse, for their little means are soon exhausted, and they are driven often to the very verge of starvation, while hundreds have to seek the shelter of the station-houses, or walk the streets the whole night long.

The writer is led to send this communication because of the large number of letters and calls he is constantly receiving from persons in great distress, whose experience is suggested in the foregoing; and he feels that he cannot do a kinder service to the young men outside of Philadelphia, than to urge them, for their own sake, to remain at home, unless they have the positive promise of something to do when they come to the city, and come for the purpose of claiming the promise.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

President of the Philadelphia Young Men's Christian Association.

(Communicated.)

Other States surrounding Delaware are holding Conventions, appointing delegates to St. Louis, and urging upon the Country the election of a favorite Son as a candidate for the Presidency. Why are not the Democrats in Delaware also moving in this matter; do they wish their great and gifted Statesman to go before the country at all, or are they expecting him to win the prize solely upon his record. *Sans peur et sans reproche*? Thomas F. Bayard would honor the Presidential chair and do much for his country in an official term to wipe out the stain resting upon our honor as a nation, caused by the corrupt administration of Mr. Grant, and the Delawarean who would not feel proud to see him adorning the highest post of honor under our Government cannot be to the manor born hence without State pride. Gentlemen of the Democratic State Executive committee, call a Convention, before the people get tired in their faith in the present administration, and appoint suitable delegates to St. Louis, organize Bayard Clubs in every Hundred in the State, and let each club send an especial delegate to St. Louis as lay members to aid our six in contending for Bayard and Reform.

General News Summary.

The first locomotive in China recently made a trial trip on a tramway near Shanghai.

Nathaniel McKay sues the Philadelphia Times for saying he was connected with navy-yard frauds.

The New Jersey House of Representatives has passed a bill forbidding the running of excursion trains on Sunday.

The eighty-ninth annual session of the Philadelphia Conference of the M. E. Church began in that city Wednesday.

Ten inches of snow at St. Louis and six at Chicago Tuesday, the storm extending over a large area of country.

The Governors of Delaware and New Jersey had a secret conference at Philadelphia on Tuesday in reference to the fishery boundary question.

The United States Supreme Court has decided in the Kentucky election case, that the Federal election law is unconstitutional.

Thomas W. Piper, the murderer of Mabel Young in the Warren Avenue Choke-berry, at Boston, has at length been sentenced to be hung.

Advices from Havana state that the sugar crop this year amounts to about 1,000,000 boxes and is valued at \$30,000,000, less than last year's crop.

The new route from New York to Philadelphia, via New Jersey Central, Delaware and Bound Brook to North Pennsylvania Railroads, 88 miles, will be open for travel May 1.

Mr. Rydely's famous stallion Hambleton died at Chester, N. Y., Sunday night, aged about 28 years. He was the sire of some of the most noted trotting stock in the country.

The heavy wind storm in Philadelphia Tuesday night blew down the new depot of the Twelfth and Sixteenth Street Passenger Railway Company, which covered nearly a square of ground at Twelfth street and Susquehanna avenue. The building was under roof and the company expected to occupy it in about ten days. The accident causes a heavy loss.

A magnificent gift in the cause of health and charity has been made to the Governors of the New York hospitals by Mrs. Wm. H. Osborn, of that city. The well-known Cuzzini's Hotel at West Point, with forty acres of adjacent land, has been purchased by her at a cost of \$65,000 and presented to the governors, to be used under their direction as a home for convalescents from every hospital in New York city.

Book Notices.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.—In Lippincott's Magazine for April, the fourth paper on "The Centennial Exhibition," by George W. W. Naughton, gives an ample and critical description of the principal buildings, with suitable illustrations. Readers who follow this series of articles will be prepared to visit the Exhibition with the previous knowledge of its aims and arrangements, and to appreciate the proper significance of the spectacle. A long and earnest article on "The College Student," by Professor James Morgan Hart, will commend itself to the attention of all who are interested in the details of our collegiate system, and who desire its improvement; while another "fanciful subject," of a more special character, "The Instruction of Deaf Mutes," is briefly but suggestively treated by a lady who has had personal experience in the work. Of the fiction in this number it is sufficient to mention "The Atonement of Lean Dudas," which has taken so strong a hold on the imaginations of its readers, the story by Sarah Winter Kellogg, "The House that Susan Built," which is evidently a study from the life, the female character and enterprise. The number is certainly a strikingly attractive one.

SCRIBNER FOR APRIL.—The history and characteristics of Yale College are sketched by Prof. Beebe quite fully in the leading article of Scribner for April; and the illustrations, over thirty in number, cover a good deal of ground. A curious question is asked in another illustrated paper, namely, "Is there a Subterranean Outlet to the Upper Lake Region?" In "Poe, Irving and Hawthorne," a comparison of these authors is made by George P. Lathrop, some hitherto unpublished details appear with regard to the ancestry and life of Hawthorne. Two brief papers in this number are of special interest, namely, a revised translation of the "Dies Irae," by General Dix; and a hitherto unpublished letter by Minister Everett to John Quincy Adams, proposing, in effect, that Spain should mortgage Cuba to the United States, and thus settle a vexed question for at least a hundred years. Of "General Grant" there are five chapters, certainly not lacking in incident or interest; and Edward Everett Hale's "Philip Nolan's" "Patriotism," is a stirring and timely article. The Holland and the Old Cabinet contains brief essays on George Washington, Billie, etc. In the other Editorial departments, Mr. P. T. Quinn continues his suggestions as to the management of the Centennial Cookery, Emerson's last book is noticed, and new inventions and methods are recorded. Briefly, the number is a most interesting and useful one, and the music to which the song was first sung.

St. Nicholas for April opens with an interesting article on Sir Joshua Reynolds, painting of the "Strawberry Girl," illustrated by an admirable reproduction of the painting. Among the other contributions, the most prominent, perhaps, are Charles L. Brace's article on "The Poor Boy's Astor House," which gives an amusing and pathetic scene from a New York newsboy's life, and is capably illustrated by M. Woolf; and Frank R. Stockton's paper on the coming Centennial Exhibition, or "America's Birthday Party," with pictures of the principal buildings. As for stories, "How a Grizzly Bear was Hunted," is a narrative which, with its excellent illustrations, is both exciting and amusing; "A Lake on Fire" describes an incident which could only have happened among the fires of the great inland lakes. The "Boy Emigrants," too, continue their adventurous journey, and reach, this month, the "divide" of right continent, from which they begin enthusiastically their downward journey toward the gold-mines. Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis furnishes a capital biographical sketch of the famed painter, "Gilbert Stuart," with a picture of the studio, where he painted his portrait of Washington; and the "Cheerful" is a very sensible one, by H. H., on the subject of "Cheer People." The departments are crowded with good things, and there is wedged in among them, this month, a fine music page by F. Boott.

THE AMERICAN FARMER.—The number for April is received, and, as the season for spring work is at hand, special regard seems to have been paid to meet all the requirements of the farmer. Among the many original and other papers, many formulas for household remedies are given, and the instruction afforded on the cultivation of the various crops will be found extremely useful and timely. Those looking for homes in the South, where great bargains are offered in the sale and division of lands, will find several valuable papers descriptive of the several localities inviting attention. The reports of discussions of Agricultural Clubs and Fruit Growers' Associations are numerous, and always instructive, coming from the best practical farmers and horticulturists. Besides these, numerous other matters are treated on, all of which are of great use. Published by S. Sands & Son, Baltimore, Md., at \$1.50 per year—5 copies for \$5.

Severe frosts have killed the early crop of vegetables and fruits in South Carolina and Georgia. Advices from Charleston and Savannah report vegetables of truck farms destroyed by frost and ice.

The Executive Committee of the New York State Central Democratic Greenback Convention has issued a call for a St. Louis Convention to be held in N. Y. City, on June 1, to elect delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

MARRIED.

ERNEST—BRUCE.—On the 21st of March, 1876, at the Union M. E. Parsonage, No. 228 Fifth Street, Philadelphia, by Rev. J. W. Paxson, Mr. George W. Ernest, of Middletown, Del., to Miss Annie J. Bruce, of Delaware and Maryland papers please copy.

DIED.

COCHRAN.—Near Middletown, on the 27th ult., Ralph, infant son of Charles P. and Corinne Cochran, aged 1 month.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Wheat, new, 1.40 @ 1.45  
Corn, yellow, 52 @ 54 cts.  
Corn, white, 54 @ 56 cts.  
Oats, 40 @ 42  
Timothy Seed, 11.75 @ 12.00  
Clover 11.75 @ 12.00

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS.

Eggs, 12 @ 15 cts.  
Butter, 25 @ 30 cts.  
Lard, 14 @ 15 cts.  
Chickens, 14 @ 15 cts.  
Turkeys, dressed, 16 @ 18  
Geese, 7 @ 8  
Ducks, 13 @ 14

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat, 1.45 @ 1.50 bus.  
Corn, white, 54 @ 56 cts.  
Oats (Pennsylvania) new, 40 @ 45 cts.  
Clover seed, 13 @ 14  
Timothy 2.75

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Wheat, good to amber, 1.55 @ 1.62  
Corn, white, old, 50 @ 52  
Corn, yellow, 48 @ 50  
Oats, Southern, 42 @ 45 cts.  
Rye, 75 @ 80

FOR SALE.

150 Cords of Oak and Maple WOOD, either in the woods or delivered in quantities to suit purchasers. Apply to JOHN A. REYNOLDS, Middletown, Del.

FOR RENT.

A DWELLING, CARRIAGE HOUSE AND STABLE ON Lake street. Possession on the 25th of March next. Apply to J. H. B. BRADY, DRICK, mar 18 Middletown, Del.

WANTED.

Immediately, a MAN and WIFE (white). The man to work on a Farm, the woman to take charge of house, poultry and butter. Must bring good recommendation. Apply by letter to WM. D. BRADY, DRICK, Middletown, Del.

FOUND.

On Sunday, March 19th, 1876, on the Road leading from Odessa to Armstrong's Corner, a LADY'S BLACK BAG. The owner has the same by paying for this advertisement. Apply to or address, W. ASHCRAFT, JR., St. Georges, Del.

NOTICE.

Farmers and others desiring to improve their stock of horses for draft and farm purposes, will have an opportunity afforded them this season through the Premium "Normandy Stallion," owned and imported by Gen. A. T. A. Torbert. The horse will be in the vicinity of MIDDLETOWN and SMYRNA, weekly, commencing about April 1st, 1876. For further information, address the subscriber. TERMS—\$30 to insure. April 1-1st GEORGE P. FENN, Milford, Del.

Business Tools.

Guns and Locks repaired at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

This is to notify the public that I am closing out LADIES' FASHION AND WINTER DRESS GOODS at cost.

G. W. W. NAUGHTON.

Paints, Oil, Glass and Putty at LINDLEY & KEMP'S New Hardware Store.

New Orleans and Porto Rico Molasses, Choice Sugar Loaf Drips and Sugar House Syrup, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

20,000 lbs. Iron just received by LINDLEY & KEMP.

Rumford's Yeast Powder the best in the market, for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS'.

5,000 lbs. Nails just received, LINDLEY & KEMP.

The best Mince Meat, 2 pounds for 25 cents Cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Large assortment of Paint Brushes at LINDLEY & KEMP'S New Hardware Store.

Raisins, Prunes, Citron, Dried Fruits, Lemons, Oranges, new and fresh, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

The Best and Cheapest Cucumber Pumps for sale by LINDLEY & KEMP.

Sleds, Wheelbarrows, Express Wagons and Couches, at RICE'S.

Cheap Shovel, Spades, Rakes and Forks at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

Fine Lard Vases and Jewel Caskets at RICE'S.

One bar of Moore & Bro's "Wilmington City Soap" will go for as two bars of lower grade, (one trial proves it.)

An elegant Two-Button Kid Glove for 75 cents cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Granulated Sugar 12 cents; A 11 cts, and B 10 cts, cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

BILL HEADS, Shipping Tags, &c., can be had at the TRANSCRIPT office, at very low rates.

No. 1, 2, and 3 Mackerel in barrels, half barrels, quarters and kists; New Split Labrador Herring in barrels and half barrels, just received and for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS'.

A choice Rio Coffee, green, 25 cents, roasted 31 cents, cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Clark's best Spool Cotton, 6 cents per Spool or 75 cents per dozen Cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Star Skirt Brads 75 cents Cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Ladies and Gents newest style Windsor Ties and Scarfs in all shades and widths from 20 cents to \$1.00, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Hams, Shoulders, Sides, Beef (smoked), at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

The best 12 1/2 cent Hose in the market, for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS'.

1000 yards of the best Calicoes, selling off at 6 1/2, 7 and 8 cents, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

A good Black Tea for 50 cents. Green 90 cents, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

ENVELOPES of all sizes, and letter heads with business cards, furnished, very cheap at the TRANSCRIPT office.

Windsor's and Mountain Corn, Asparagus, Tomatoes, Cherries, Blackberries, Peas and Peaches, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

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WITH EXCEPTION OF THE BUTTON HOLES MADE OF Wamsutta Muslin and 2100 Heavy Linen!

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THE RECIPROCITY SHIRT is superior to most of shirts, first-class, (so-called) for the following reasons:

Our Collar Bands are Linen, and are Three Ply.

Our Cuffs are Linen, and are Three Ply.

Our Bosoms are Lined with Heavy Linen, and are Three Ply.

Our Back Facings are both upper and under made wide, giving strength and durability.

To the people that have been accustomed to buy materials for shirts, and have them made up at home, we particularly call to their notice our Reciprocity Shirt. All made but the button holes, and only \$1.25 each.

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FOR SALE.

Will be sold at private sale the large BAND WAGON formerly used by the Verdi Brass Band, of Odessa. The Wagon is a fine one, beautifully painted and used but a few times. For further particulars, address W. H. HICKY, April 1-1st Odessa, Del.

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## LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

### Items of Local Interest.

Lent will close two weeks to-day.

The school elections throughout the State  
will be held to-day.

W. T. Westbrook, of Wilmington, failed  
last week, with \$37,000 liabilities and \$28,000  
assets.

Myers Hayes died suddenly of apoplexy  
at his home in Wilmington on last Friday. He  
was 68 years old.

E. C. Alexander, formerly a letter-carrier  
of Wilmington, has gone to seek his fortune  
in the Black Hills.

Reports from the lower part of the State,  
and the adjoining Maryland counties, say the  
peach trees are in full bloom.

The large and finely painted wagon, be-  
longing to the Ferry House Band of Odessa,  
is offered for sale in another column.

The frame work and other materials for the  
Delaware Building on the Centennial grounds  
were shipped from Wilmington on Monday.

And still they come! Republican candi-  
dates for Sheriff we mean. The latest is Wm.  
H. Pierce, of Wilmington, who has just com-  
e out.

Several of Middletown's citizens removed to  
other towns and cities this week. Several  
families from the country have moved into  
town.

As the notice of Mr. George W. Ernest's  
marriage was published in last week's  
issue, we give it again in this issue. It is right  
this time.

Nathaniel Hayes, Sr., father of City Coun-  
cillman James P. Hayes, of Wilmington, died  
at the residence of the latter on Tuesday, in  
his 85th year.

Governor Cochran appointed Dr. Charles  
E. Buck, of Wilmington, Trustee of Delaware  
College, last week, in place of Dr. As-  
kew, deceased.

The Milford News says the people of the  
lower counties are determined that the doc-  
tor law shall be repealed. They would rather  
have dogs than sheep.

The Governor's staff not being quite full  
enough, he recently added James F. Casper-  
son, of Wilmington, to it, with the rank, or  
rather title, of Colonel.

The Commercial printed a "faithful picture"  
of the Delaware Centennial Building "now in  
course of erection. If it is a correct likeness,  
it is certainly an ugly one.

The Wilmington Herald puts a big flag at  
the head of its editorial column and flies the  
name of Hon. T. F. Bayard as its choice for  
the Presidency.

The Delaware Railroad Co., who recently  
purchased the Nanticoke House at Seaford,  
are having it renovated and repaired, and in-  
tend to use it as a station house.

C. E. Foster, one of Middletown's tonorial  
artists, has opened a branch barber shop in  
Galena, Md. He has also made many im-  
provements to his shop in Middletown.

Sussex County constables have been exer-  
cising their legal powers by arresting city  
drummers and forcing them to procure li-  
censes to sell by sample—\$25 each.

Coloast James O. Townsend has sold his  
interest, with all the fixtures, in the Town-  
send Hotel to William B. Hollis, who will  
hereafter conduct the house.

An act has passed the Maryland Legisla-  
ture consolidating the Kent County Railroad  
Company with the Smyrna and Delaware  
Bay (Bomby Hook) Company.

Col. H. B. Fiddeman, of the Centennial  
Commissioners, announces that there are  
twenty-nine different varieties of oak grown  
in Delaware, of which seventeen are wood.

The French steamer Labrador was blown  
ashore at Fina's point, opposite Fort Dela-  
ware, in the gale on Tuesday night. She was  
laden with goods for the Centennial.

Rev. Dr. Patton is expected to preach to-  
morrow (Saturday) morning, in the Presby-  
terian church of Middletown, on the subject,  
"The Scriptural Order of the Eldership."

Fresh fish, herring, perch, cod, catfish,  
etc., have become quite plentiful in our mar-  
ket, but shad have not yet made their ap-  
pearance, at least in no great quantity.

The Commercial, Every Evening and Gazette  
have been having a lively set to work.  
Subject—Sentinel Bayard and the Presidency.  
Go in gentlemen, we'll hold your coats.

Smyrna has a "whoppin'" as well as Mid-  
dletown, and the Sheriff of Kent county ar-  
rested a Mrs. McGarry for selling liquor with-  
out a license, in that part of the town, last  
week.

A Big Egg.

Mr. Walter Foster brought to this office, a  
day or two ago, an egg which measured eight  
inches around the long way and six and a  
half the shorter way, and weighed 33 ounces.  
This Mr. F. claims beats the big egg Every  
Evening itemized last week.

Height of Pythias Appointment.

Mr. E. B. Rice has been appointed a mem-  
ber of the committee to arrange for the grand  
procession of the Knights of Pythias at the  
Centennial Exhibition next month. The  
committee will meet at Castle Hall, Wilming-  
ton, next Thursday evening, the 8th inst.

New Roomy to the Peach.

A gentleman from Sussex county, Del.,  
states that multiplying the number of unknown  
species are flying from orchard to orchard in  
that county, picking the buds from peach and  
pear trees. These birds are of a pinkish  
tinge and have long and sharp bills which  
specialty fit them for their work of destruc-  
tion.—Milford News.

New Store.

Wm. N. Wilson, Esq., having rented the  
storehouse opposite the National Hotel, until  
recently occupied by J. B. Clark, Esq., has  
just opened a new store, at the corner of  
Main and Second streets, where he will sell  
stock of choice groceries, flour, feed, provi-  
sions, etc., etc. He intends also to do a gen-  
eral commission business in grain, fruit, lime,  
coal, etc. Mr. W. has the best wishes of his  
countrymen for abundant success in his new un-  
dertaking.

## Entertainment at Odessa.

The "Odessa Dramatic Association" will  
give a musical and dramatic entertainment in  
the new hall, at Odessa, on Thursday  
evening next, April 6th, consisting of amateur  
theatricals, music by the Odessa Special Or-  
chestra, and concluding with shadow pan-  
tomime.

Card of Thanks.

The thanks of the Odessa Hall Company are  
due to the ladies and gentlemen who so  
kindly volunteered their aid and assistance  
at the concert and supper on last Thursday  
and Friday evenings, and to all others for  
valuable contributions to the entertainment.

L. J. Guss, President.  
Odessa, Del., March 28, 1876.

Centennial Commission.

The Governor nominated and President  
Grant has appointed Dr. John K. King,  
of the State of Ohio, a member of the United  
States Centennial Commission for Delaware,  
vice Dr. H. Askew, deceased. Dr. Kane is a  
brother of Dr. Eliha Kent Kane, the noted  
Arctic explorer. He is an energetic man, and  
it is thought, will be a creditable Commis-  
sioner.

The College Trustees.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
Delaware College, called for Tuesday last, was  
a failure. There were not enough numbers  
in attendance to form a quorum for the trans-  
action of business and nothing could be done.  
Of course, those trustees who left their homes  
and business, and went to Newark to attend  
the meeting, did not feel at all provoked at the  
others staying away.

Ordination of Elders.

An ordination of Elders will take place in  
Dewey's Presbyterian Church, Odessa, on  
Sunday (to-morrow). Dr. Patton, of the  
Forest Presbyterian Church, this town, has  
been invited to assist Rev. Dr. Crowell, the  
pastor of Dewey's, in the ceremony, which  
will probably do so; in which case he will  
be absent from his own pulpit, which how-  
ever will be supplied, and the church kept  
open as usual.

[Since the above was put in type, Dr. Pat-  
ton has informed us that he will occupy his  
own pulpit to-morrow.]

The Odessa Concert.

The concert and festival given in the new  
town hall of Odessa last week, closed on  
Friday evening. Despite the weather,  
which on that evening was very bad, the  
audience room was about two-thirds filled.  
The performance was, if possible, even bet-  
ter than that of the night before. The pro-  
gramme was nearly all changed; some of the  
more amusing and entertaining pieces, how-  
ever, of the previous evening being repeated.  
Financially the entertainments were pretty  
successful, the result showing a net gain of  
about \$300. Had the weather been more  
pleasant on Friday the receipts, it is likely,  
would have been much greater.

The Reciprocity Shirt.

People who, for the sake of economizing,  
have always had their shirts made at home,  
will be pleased to learn that they can now  
buy ready-made shirts at the same price it  
costs to get the material. J. P. Dougherty has  
introduced into this market the Reciprocity  
shirt, which is manufactured of Wamsutta  
muslin and 2,100 heavy linen, and which is  
all finished except the buttonholes. It will  
readily be seen from this that you can be still  
more economical by buying these shirts, as  
you have in them the same material, and you  
get to make up and will save time that would  
otherwise be spent in making the shirt, in  
fact, by buying a Reciprocity shirt you get  
just as good an article for the same money,  
and save the time and trouble of making the  
shirt. It is worth your while to call at Mr.  
Dougherty's in Wilmington, and examine them.

Insurance Your Lives.

Mr. G. N. Caley, of Wilmington, is can-  
vassing Middletown and vicinity, in the  
interest of the New York Life Insurance Com-  
pany, of which he is a special agent. He is  
a live man and pushes his business with com-  
mendable energy. He has already taken risks  
upon some of our people to the amount of  
nearly \$40,000. The Company which has in-  
corporated in 1845, having a capital of \$31,-  
000,000, an income of \$10,000,000, and a  
surplus of \$4,000,000. The interest on its  
investments amounts to \$1,800,000, out  
of which it paid, last year, \$1,500,000 in  
losses. Persons seeking insurance on their  
lives or wishing to make safe investments of  
this nature will consult its interests by  
calling upon Mr. Caley. Almanacs, blotting  
pads, etc., furnished by the Company can be  
had at Anderson's drug store.

Attempt to Pass Stolen Cheques.

On Thursday last a man named John  
Wood, from Chester town, Md., went into the  
store of Messrs. Moore & Co., of this town,  
and bought a bill of goods, offering in pay-  
ment for them a cheque for \$101.00 drawn by  
Messrs. Bean & Ford of Masses, Md., in  
favor of Charles England, but as he could  
produce no one who could identify him, or  
give any satisfactory account of how he came  
by the cheque it was refused. It was noticed  
that he acted rather recklessly while making  
his purchase, and he also told several lies  
about himself and his movements, as was  
afterwards discovered. At the bank he pre-  
sented two cheques but did not succeed in  
getting them cashed for the same reason that  
Mr. Moore refused them.

Yesterday a letter was received by a firm  
in town making inquiries in regard to Wood,  
and charging him with having stolen the  
cheques. The impression among those with  
whom the letter was received is that there is  
that he found the cheques and attempted to  
appropriate them.

Change of Residence.

Moving day was a busy time in Middletown  
and the following persons changed locations:  
Mrs. L. A. Price moved to one of Mrs. Ryan's  
houses on Main street; R. M. Johnson occu-  
pies Mrs. Nathan Simon's house; Joseph  
West moved from his farm to one of Mrs.  
Ryan's houses; Rev. W. C. Butler takes the  
house formerly occupied by Mrs. Price; H.  
Morton moved to J. M. Woods' and John  
Vasey succeeds him in Mrs. Cannon's house;  
A. R. Pennington occupies G. W. W. Nau-  
dai's house and John Drummond has moved  
to the farm house left by Mr. P., while the  
mill residence is occupied by Chas. Stratton;  
Mr. Matthews moved to Chester, Pa., and  
Mrs. McIntyre's house is in charge of James  
Dodon; James Gears moved into Mr. Cul-  
bertson's "row"; W. N. Hamilton, Jr.,  
moved into Mr. C. Smith's house; Richard  
McKee moved to Philadelphia, and the house  
he vacated is occupied by Mrs. Hall; A. J.  
Bradley's house is occupied by two families.  
There were many other changes, but we have  
not been informed about them. Every family  
secured a house, but up to moving day there  
were two unable to procure them. Owing to  
the generosity of some citizens, however, all  
found satisfactory.

Levy Court Visit.

The Levy Court of New Castle county vis-  
ited the almshouse on Thursday in Commis-  
sion of the Whole. They were present Messrs. Der-  
rick, Behler, Sharpless, Medill, Weir, Jan-  
vier, Wilson, Roberts, Bright and Silver.

## New Advertisements.

### STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE  
FARMVILLE INSURANCE AND BANKING  
Company,  
OF FARMVILLE, VA.

ASSETS. Dec 31, 1875.

Loans on bond  
and mortgage [fully re-  
covered and being  
first liens,]..... \$132,279 43

Account of stocks and  
bonds of the United  
States, and of this  
and other States, also  
all other stocks and  
bonds, absolutely  
owned by the Com-  
pany [market value] \$46,000 00

Stocks, bonds and all  
other securities, [ex-  
cept mortgages] hy-  
pothecated to the  
Company, deposited in  
security for cash ad-  
vanced, absolutely  
owned by the Com-  
pany..... 18,260 38

Cash in Company's  
principal office and  
belonging to the  
Company, deposited in  
bank..... 26,896 50

Premiums unpaid..... 15,169 61

All other assets, [de-  
tailed in statement]..... 1,435 42

Total Assets..... \$250,716 39

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid, [in-  
cluding those re-  
served, as required  
by law]..... 7,386 00

Reserve, as required  
by law..... 26,777 00

All other claims..... 16,565 96

Total Liabilities..... 49,729 05

Surplus as regards  
policyholders..... \$200,987 34

Surplus as regards  
stockholders..... 987 34

Total Income..... 87,654 05

Expenses..... 70,204 21

J. H. MOTTLEY, WM. D. RICE,  
Secretary, President.

Amount of surplus written  
in 1875..... \$4,068,294 56

For insurance or an agency in this Com-  
pany, apply in person or by letter to  
JAMES H. MYERS, Gen'l Agent,  
DELAWARE CITY, DEL.

\*Published in compliance with the Insurance  
Law of the State of Delaware, of March 23rd,  
1875. [Mar 18]

### STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE  
Maryland Fire Insurance Company  
of Baltimore, Md.

JANUARY 1st, 1876.

ASSETS.

Real estate in fee, cost..... \$115,869 34

Belt, & Ohio R. R. stock, mar-  
ket value..... 21,452 00

Mer. & Mech. Building and Loan  
Co. stock..... 2,000 00

Virginia Reg. Coupon Consols,  
market value..... 15,000 00

Mar. & Cin. R. R. second mort-  
gage bonds, market value..... 9,650 00

Norfolk & Western Railway gold  
bonds, market value..... 5,087 50

Loans secured by collateral..... 10,000 00

Interest and rents due and accrued  
Net premium unpaid..... 1,783 98

Cash on hand and in bank..... 5,085 30

Total Assets..... \$197,273 12

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid..... \$ 500 00

Dividends unpaid..... 500 00

Re-insurance reserve..... 18,869 70

Total Liabilities..... \$20,869 70

Surplus as regards policyholders \$166,463 42

Capital Stock paid up..... \$100,000 00

Surplus as regards stockholders \$66,463 42

JOHN M. BECK, JOS. K. MILNOR,  
Secretary, President.

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4. DIARRHEA, of Children or Adults, 25

5. DYSPEPSIA, Griping, Bilious Colic, 25

6. CHOLERA, Vomiting, 25

7. COUGES, Colds, Bronchitis, 25

8. ASTHMA, Whooping Cough, 25

9. HEADACHES, Sick Headache, Vertigo, 25

10. DYSPEPSIA, Bilious Stomach, 25

11. STOMACH, or Painful Periods, 25

12. WHITENESS, or Profuse Periods, 25

13. CROUP, Cough, Difficult Breathing, 25

14. SALT RHEUM, Erysipelas, Eruptions, 25

15. DIARRHEA, or Bilious Colic, 25

16. FEVER AND AGUE, Chills, Fever, Agues, 25

17. PILLS, blind or bleeding, 25

18. OPHTHALMIA, and Sore or Watery Eyes, 25

19. CATARRH, acute or chronic, Influenza, 25

20. HOARSENESS, Croup, violent coughs, 25

21. ASTHMA, oppressed breathing, 25

22. EAR, Discharge, or Painful Swelling, 25

23. SCURF, or Pimples on Face, Swellings, 25

24. GENERAL Debility, Physical Weakness, 25

25. DROOPY and scanty Secretions, 25

26. STOMACH, or Painful Periods, 25

27. KIDNEY DISEASE, Gravel, 25

28. NERVOUS DEBILITY, Sexual Weakness, 25

29. INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES, 25

30. SLENNY WEAKNESS, wetting the bed, 25

31. PAINFUL PERIODS, with Spasms, 25

32. DIARRHEA, or Bilious Colic, 25

33. EPILEPSY, Spasms, St. Vitus' Dance, 25

34. DIPHTHERIA, ulcerated sore throat, 25

35. CHRONIC CONGESTIONS and Eruptions, 25

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Case (Morocco) with above 35 large vials and  
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## Business Cards.

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Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons,  
Silver Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt,  
Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold  
Buttons, Ear-Rings, Finger-Rings, Sleeve  
Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key  
Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.

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ous Green House, and Plant Nursery at the  
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short distance above the Academy, in Mid-  
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keep on hand a large and varied assortment of  
GREEN HOUSE and BEDDING PLANTS,  
which I cordially invite the ladies of Mid-  
dletown and vicinity to call and examine. My  
stock has been selected and propagated with  
much care and I respectfully ask the patron-  
age of all lovers of flowers of the community.  
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